

## **REGULAR SESSION    RUSH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS    JUNE 21, 2010**

The Rush County Board of Commissioners met in regular session, Monday, June 21st, 2010 with Commissioners, Tom Barnes, Marvin Cole, Ken Masters, Jodi Harr, Deputy Auditor, and Leigh Morning, County Attorney in attendance. Deborah Adams, Auditor, was not present.

Commissioner Tom Barnes called the meeting to order. Marvin Cole requested a correction to the minutes of the June 7th meeting regarding a motion made by him regarding the Rush County Fair Board requesting the assistance of the Highway Department moving dirt. The motion should have read “Marvin Cole made the motion to leave the hauling of the dirt up to Sitton’s discretion.” Ken Masters made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 7<sup>th</sup> meeting with this change. Marvin Cole seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### **EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE**

Jerry Sitton, chairman of the health insurance committee, presented the commissioners with the employee health insurance recommendations to be effective 8-1-10. Mary Ann Beard, Treasurer, and Jeff Sherwood, Sheriff, were also present from the health insurance committee. The third party administrator will be Benefit Administrative Systems LLC. Following are recommended changes to the policy:

- Individual deductible will change from \$250 to \$500. The family deductible will change from \$500 to \$1,000.
- Physician office visit for a specialist will be \$40.
- Wellness benefit will now pay 100% with an unlimited benefit.
- Prescriptions-Generic will be \$5; formulary brand will be \$30; non-formulary brand will be \$50.
- Monthly premiums will not change for the employee
- There will be a dental plan and a vision plan offered to the employees. Employees will be responsible for paying 100% of the premiums for dental or vision coverage.

Sitton reported that if the commissioners accept these recommended changes the county will save 11.79% in out of pocket expenditures. Mary Ann Beard stated that Amy Carpenter of APEX is still working with Rush Memorial Hospital to create an additional level of benefits for receiving medical care at Rush Memorial Hospital.

Ken Masters made a motion to accept all information, recommendations and proposals presented by the health insurance committee to be effective 8-1-10. Marvin Cole seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Amy Carpenter of Apex presented the commissioners with the reinsurance forms, vision application and dental application for their signatures. She will work with the auditor’s office in setting up enrollment meetings with the county employees.

## **E.C.D.C.**

Wade Beatty, representing the ECDC, informed the commissioners the search for a new ECDC Director is under way. The ECDC is working closely with the Chamber of Commerce to continue the projects currently under way.

Pam Svaranowic updated the commissioners on several projects being worked on at the chamber office. She noted smaller business are wanting larger buildings and there are some new small business in the process of starting up.

Commissioner Barnes commented that with Rush County and Rushville City both struggling financially now may be the time to look at combining the ECDC and Chamber of Commerce. Svaranowic stated the ECDC expertise is infrastructure and the Chamber's role is retention. Barnes clarified that he is not recommending doing away with either agency but rather combining their efforts. He doesn't want to stop funding on either agency. Beatty commented that the executive directors of both agencies serve on both boards.

## **HIGHWAY**

Jerry Sitton, Highway Superintendent, noted the Moscow Covered Bridge committee is meeting on Tuesday to discuss possibly setting the second part of the covered bridge. Due to engineering delays, financial questions are arising regarding the completion of the bridge.

## **SHERIFF**

Sheriff Jeff Sherwood reported 46 inmates currently being housed at the jail. Thirteen are female.

Detective James Owens will be retiring effective August 1, 2010. Sherwood stated the past policy has been to present the retiring officer with his duty weapon. Commissioner Cole made the motion to proceed in presenting Owens duty weapon to him at retirement.

Commissioner Masters seconded. Motion carried.

Sherwood stated that with the current traffic detours around the fair, it will require more overtime for his deputies. The Rush County Fair Board has offered to refund the county the amount over what is normally spent on traffic control at the fair. The refund would be put back into county general and Sherwood's overtime appropriation adjusted accordingly.

The Sheriff also reported the new deputy physical testing was held last Saturday. Seven will advance to the next stage of interviewing with the merit board.

## **ANDERSON TWP FIRE DEPT**

County Attorney, Leigh Morning, presented the contract between the Commissioners and Anderson Township Volunteer Fire Department. The fire department will receive \$2,213.00 per month beginning July 1 in exchange for them providing E911 emergency ambulance service. Commissioner Masters made the motion to accept and sign the contract. Commissioner Cole seconded. Motion carried. Karen Jenkins, Anderson Twp Trustee, has requested that the monthly checks be mailed to her.

It was noted that Milroy EMS owns their own ambulance and is continuing to operate privately. Anderson Twp Fire Dept. has their own ambulance.

## **AUDITOR**

Payroll ending June 25, 2010 was approved on a motion by Marvin Cole and seconded by Ken Masters. Motion carried.

Accounts Payable claims were approved with a motion from Ken Masters to approve the claims after changing the appropriation name on the Duke Energy bill in the Sheriff budget. Marvin Cole seconded. Motion carried.

## **HENRY COUNTY YOUTH CENTER/GIBAULT, INC.**

Gibault, Inc. has assumed the responsibilities of Henry County Youth Center effective May 1, 2010. Commissioners Masters made the motion to sign the addendum to the contract. Commissioner Cole seconded. Motion carried.

## **FOREIGN TRADE ZONE**

County Attorney, Leigh Morning, provided a letter to be signed by the commissioners to the Greater Indianapolis Foreign Trade Zone supporting the service area of the Foreign Trade Zone. Ken Masters made the motion to sign the letter. Marvin Cole seconded. Motion carried.

## **CANON ON COURTHOUSE LAWN**

Commissioner Barnes noted that the canon on the courthouse lawn is need of repairs. Because of its historical value, the local veteran's memorial association has permission to refurbish the canon. It would require removing the canon from the courthouse lawn for a short period of time. Ken Masters made the motion to allow the local veterans memorial association to remove the canon and refurbish it. Marvin Cole seconded. Motion carried.

## **MISC**

- Reviewed EMS run report for Carthage for month of April, 2010
- Motion by Ken Masters and seconded by Marvin Cole to sign the Western Surety bond for Constance Cameron who works in the clerk's office. Motion carried.
- It was noted that a letter was received from EMC Insurance Companies stating there is not a claim against the county at this time regarding the Park Restaurant.

Motion to adjourn was received from Marvin Cole. Ken Masters seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ATTEST:

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Deborah C. Adams, Auditor